

University Committee for Libraries

Monthly Report to the Steering Committee

March, 2024



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Actions Taken at Recent Meetings

March 20, 2025

The committee's sixth meeting of the academic year included brief updates by Dean Romanosky: MSU Libraries are monitoring recent federal orders and activities. A recent executive order that will adversely impact public access to materials is the call for the elimination of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. This would eliminate resources such as Michigan electronic Library (MeL) and Michigan electronic Library Catalog (MeLCat). The American Library Association has published a position statement available here:

<https://www.ala.org/news/2025/03/ala-statement-white-house-assault-institute-museum-and-library-services>. MSU Libraries are sharing advocacy points with government team at MSU.

Submissions are open for faculty and staff authors to participate in the fall reception (exact date to be determined). Please share the nomination link: <https://lib.msu.edu/secure/facultyBookSuggestion> with colleagues. Individuals may self-nominate or submit nominations for others.

New Business:

Associate Dean for Diversity, Inclusion, and Organizational Development Alexandra Rivera presented updates to key documents (see slide deck in UCL minutes): *Challenges to Library Materials* policy (revision expanded the definition of library resources); *Recommitment to MSUL Strategic Plan* (updated plan will be published on the Libraries website).

A conflict with the April 8, 2025 meeting was identified and members agreed to cancel it and have the March 20, 2025 meeting serve as the last meeting for the 24-25 academic year.

Lynn Wolff is rotating off as Chair of UCL. Nominations for the Chair of UCL are open for the 25-26 academic year. Nominations are also welcomed for the Committee Secretary role. Kathleen Oberst offered to continue serving as

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Secretary. No nominations were provided during the meeting. Dean Romanosky requested nominations by email.

Chairperson Wolff requested coverage for the upcoming University Council and Steering Committee meetings due to a conflict. These dates and times are March 25 3:15-5 and April 22 3:15-5. No volunteers, so she sent an email with a follow-up request.

Updates on Outstanding Items

None.

Anticipated Items at Upcoming Meetings

None.

Requested Support from the Steering Committee and/or the Office of Academic Governance

N/A

Other

There will be no April meeting of the UCL.